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1. Rakowice Airfield, just northeast of Cracow, is used both by civilian and military airplanes. There are military and civilian guards at the field.
2. In early November 1952, there were 13 jet aircraft at the field. They were of an unknown type, but resembled most closely the MIG-9.¹ During the time of observation, two jets took off and one landed.
3. The points of dissimilarity between the observed aircraft and a MIG-9 were as follows:
 - a) Two severe, fin-like apertures were noticed directly behind the wings; they were in the form of an inverted V. Exhaust streams from the apertures.
 - b) The single-seat cockpit canopy was behind the wing in a similar position to that on a YAK-9.
 - c) The plane had wing tanks suspended about one half meter in front of the end of the wings.
 - d) There was a hole in the nose of the plane which was completely circular.
 - e) The fuselage tapered symmetrically.
 - f) The wing tips were rounded; the plane had a tricycle landing gear.

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4. The planes were silver; a blue stripe was painted across the top of the tail. The Polish flag was painted on the tail also.

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6. The planes' officers and crews all seemed to be Polish; no Russian officers or men were observed at the field. Russian officers and enlisted men, however, were observed in Cracow.
7. No radar or anti-aircraft guns of any type were noticed at the field.

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any camouflage. No construction of any type was in progress.

8. Two parallel runways were observed; the longer was estimated at not over 1,000 meters in length, about 30 meters broad. Both runways were surfaced with cement.

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